

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-5 – (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of making packages having slider-operated zippers, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a supply of a series of concatenated packages, each of said packages having a slider-operated reclosable zipper;

filling each of said packages;

H( providing a supply of sliders, each of said sliders being insertable onto said reclosable zipper and adapted to open and close said reclosable zipper as said slider is moved along said reclosable zipper in opening and closing directions, respectively; and

for each of said packages, after said step of filling each of said packages, removing a slider from said slider supply and inserting said slider over said reclosable zipper at a section of said zipper, the closure elements of said reclosable zipper being in an interlocked configuration prior to said step of inserting said slider and remaining in [[an]] said interlocked configuration during said step of inserting said slider.

7. (original) The method according to claim 6 wherein said packages are connected together in a chain.

H( 8. (original) The method according to claim 7 including the step of cutting each of said packages from said package chain.

Claims 9-33 – (canceled)

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